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Michigan State Senate
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We are representatives of the Clinton River Riders Bicycle Club (CRR) of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, an organization of over 150 active member cyclists and organizer of the Blue Water Ramble (over 1,000 participants annually) bicycle tour.

We recently received word that a committee hearing is scheduled for September 20th for the League of Michigan Bicyclists' 5-foot passing and vulnerable roadway user bills. These bills require motorists to pass bicyclists with a minimum of five feet and create increased penalties for drivers who injure or kill a cyclist. State Senator Margaret O'Brien will also introduce a bill that mandates that Michigan driver's education curriculum include three or more hours of information concerning the laws pertaining to bicycles.

As CRR representatives, we would like to communicate our support for safer cycling in Michigan, and in particular our support for a 5 foot passing distance law and requirement for driver's education (and testing) to outline the rights of cyclists on the road. Members of our own club have been victims of and witness to serious injuries (including fatal) on the road, while following the existing laws.

Please consider the health and safety of Michigan residents and visitors who engage in cycling and show your support for these initiatives through legislative action.

Thank you for your consideration,

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